(b) if so whether it is also a fact that this system is favourable to the circumstances prevailing in the entry as well as comparatively less expensive;

(c) if so, what policy has been followed by Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government contemplate to implement any detailed scheme for the expansion of Ayurvedic system in the country; and

(e) if so, what are the detailed outlines thereof together with the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this scheme during the years 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Central Government is assisting in upgradation if standards of education, research and in laying down standards and quality control of drugs.

The proposed Plan Outlay for Indian Systems of Medicine is Rs. 16.60 crores in 1993-94 as against Rs. 11.80 crores during the year 1992-93.

Kidney Transplant Cases

*470. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kidney transplant cases which came to Government's notice at various places in the country, as reported in the Indian Express dated March 6th, 1993;

(b) what are the details threof.

(c) what are the names of Donors, Doctors and Hospitals where such operations have been performed during the year 1992 and so far in 1993;

(d) the number and details of operationsperformed in Batra Hospitals, New Delhi and other hospitals in the country; and ....

(e) what action Government have taken against the doctors and the Hospitals involved in Kidney Transplant racket?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAN): (a) to (d) As there is no comprehensive law for regulating the transplant of human organs, there is no information about the hospitals in the country conducting transplantation of human organs including kindneys.

(e) The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is taking appropriate action in respect of certain alleged incidents in Delhi

Bomb Blast at Calcutta

*471. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 persons killed and four buildings reduced of rubble in a bomb explosions in the Bow Bazar area, in Central Calcutta on 16th or 17th March, 1993 night;

(b) if so, what are the details therof;

(c) what are the details of the enquiry held into the incident; and

(d) who have been arrested in connection with the above bomb explosion?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) On 16th March, 1993 around midnight a big explosion occurred at shop-cum-residential premises at 266 and 267 Bowbazar Street at Calcutta,

shop-cum-residential premises at 266 and 267 Bowbazar Street at Calcutta. One three-storeyed and one two-storeyed buildings were demolished in this explosion, resulting in the death of 67 persons and injuries to 92 persons. Damage was caused to four adjouning houses.

(c) and (d) As per available information, the state government have started a suo-moto case in the matter and investigation taken up under the supervision of very senior officers. Two persons, Md. Rashid Khan and Abdul Aziz have been arrested. The state government have informed that all aspects of the case are being probed with a view to bringing to book all those responsible for the incident.

People of Indian Origin in Foreign Countries

*472. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of people of Indian origin in foreign countries at present, country-wise;

(b) what is the number of Stateless persons of Indian origin in those countries;

(c) whether these persons are alleged to be undergoing deprivation of economic as well as fundamental rights;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps for their repatriation to India;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor:

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) A statement is given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 66]

(b) to (g) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Request from Punjab Government for manufacture of alcohol

*473 SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Punjab Government for the issue of Letter of Intent for the manufacture of 54 lac litres per annum of extra natural alcohol (for captive use) and 135 lac litres per annum of India made foreign liquor from damaged grains is pending with the Central Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) The Punjab Agro Industrial Corporation has applied for licence for the manufacture of extra neutral alcohol, Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), Impure Spirit and Cattle feed. The project envisages use of Spoiled wheat/rice as raw material. No final decision has been taken on this application.

Performance of Oil India Ltd

*474. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil India Ltd. has been showing a gra-